



Old-Growth, Birds, and More!

Forest Stewards Guild 2024 Lake States Guild Gathering

The Forest Stewards Guild welcomes you to northern Wisconsin to view and discuss some of the creative ways people are working to steward our forests.

Continuing education credits will be available. Credit totals are under review for:

- WI DNR Cooperating Forester
- The Wildlife Society
- Society of American Foresters (Day 1: 6, Day 2: 3 approved)

This event will be nearly all field tours, with minimal classroom lectures, so bring your boots and sunscreen! (and bug spray). We are basing the lodging, social time, dinner, and carpooling from the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s [Kemp Natural Resources Station](#) (9161 Kemp Rd, Woodruff, WI 54568). The field tours will occur at UW-Stevens Point’s [Treehaven Campus](#) (Aug 28) and the [Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest](#) (Aug 29). This event is not suitable for anyone with restricted mobility for standing, driving/riding for 45 minutes at a time, or hiking.



Wednesday August 28, 2024

Note: There are two options for a starting time and location. Our Day 1 field tour will be held at Treehaven. If this location is closer to your starting location, you are welcome to meet us there.

Option A: 8:00 am – Meet at Kemp Natural Resources Station. Carpool to the field tour at Treehaven at 8:15.

Option B: 9:00 am – Meet at UW-Stevens Point Treehaven, W2540 Pickerel Creek Road, Tomahawk WI 54487.

9:00 **Field Tour Loop A at Treehaven** – We know the initial outreach said a 10AM start. Sorry for this change. If you cannot make the 9:00AM start we will have someone waiting in the parking lot to point you in the direction of where the group went on the field tour. Join us as you are able.

- Fire Ecology, Prescribed Fire, and the Reintroduction of Fire to Old-Growth Pine Stands. Visit experimental fire plots at Treehaven and discuss fire ecology including some growing season burns. Lead Presenters: Dr. Michael Tiller, Assistant Professor in Forest Ecology, UWSP & Eli Anoszko, Treehaven Ecologist, UWSP.
- Hemlock Stand Considerations. Visit a mature hemlock stand and discuss how to best steward these and other rare sites. Lead Presenters: Dr. Michael Tiller, Assistant Professor in Forest Ecology, UWSP & Eli Anoszko, Treehaven Ecologist, UWSP.

12:00 Lunch (Provided)

1:00 **Field Tour Loop B at Treehaven**

- Habitat Management for Breeding Birds. Visit sites with several years of bird occupancy data before and after management spanning multiple habitat types. Lead Presenter: Dr. Michael Demchik, Professor of Forestry, UWSP.
- Lowland and Ephemeral Wetland Management. Visit and discuss management in and around ephemeral wetlands and spruce-tamarack lowlands. Lead Presenter Tracy Hames, Executive Director of Wisconsin Wetlands Association.
- Blow-down and Early Successional Habitat. Visit and discuss early successional habitat and how that interplays with forestry for birds. Lead Presenter: Jon Steigerwaldt, Forest Conservation Director for the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society.

4:15 Depart for Kemp Station for Dinner and Social Hour Discussions.

5:00 Arrive back at Kemp Station – Social Time / Lodging Check-in

5:45 Barbeque Dinner at Kemp Station (Provided)

6:30 Campfire Social Time

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7:00 Optional Kemp Nature Trail Hike

7:30 Light Breakfast (Provided) and Lodging Check-out

8:00 Meet at Kemp Station's Connor Hall

8:00 **Recap Day 1, Orientation for Day 2.** Michael Lynch, Great Lakes Director, Forest Stewards Guild.

8:15 **Managed Old-Growth Silviculture Study (MOSS) Overview and Discussion.** Lead Presenters, Dr. Amanda McGraw, Forest Ecology Research Scientist, Wisconsin DNR and Dr. Christel Kern, Research Forester, USDA Forest Service.

9:00 Depart for Lake Laura Site (<https://goo.gl/maps/4t2gHpjwkc5Khc77>)

9:45 **Managed Old-Growth Silviculture Study (MOSS) Field Tour.** Lead Presenters, Greg Edge, Forest Ecologist / Silviculturist WI DNR, Amanda McGraw, and Christel Kern.

- MOSS study, Deer Impacts, Gap Creation, CWD, Snags, Invasives
- Tree Retention Exercise
- Overlap with Forestry for Birds
- Ephemeral Ponds

12:00 Meeting Adjournment – We will adjourn from the field site with no obligation to return to Kemp. So, determine in the morning if you would like to leave a vehicle at Kemp and carpool from that location or drive separately and depart directly from the field site.

Contact Michael Lynch with any questions about the meeting: 608-449-0647 or mike@forestguild.org